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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 142524 ACTION TEHRAN INFO USUN NEW YORK GENEVA
AND BEIRUT 18 JUN 75 AND REPEATED ACTION CAIRO LONDON AND TEL AVIV

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SUBJECT: ESCAP/ECWA REGIONAL MEETING OF UN HABITAT

REF: TEHRAN 5711

1. USDEL SHOULD TAKE NECESSARY PARLIAMENTARY STEPS TO
INSURE THAT (A) REFTEL RECOMMENDATIONS ARE PUT TO VOTE NOT
RPT NOT ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, NON-OBJECTION, OR VARIANT
THEREOF AND (B) THAT A GOVERNMENT, NOT RPT NOT PLO,
FORMALLY PROPOSES RECOMMENDATIONS. WE DO NOT WANT PLO
TO APPEAR TO HAVE PEROGRATIVE OF INTRODUCING MEASURES
FOR ACTION BY MEETING TO WHICH OBSERVER STATUS DOEY NOT
RPT NOT ENTITLE IT.

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2. USDSL SHOULD LOBBY ALL DELEGATIONS LIKELY IN ANY

DEGREE TO BE RECEPTIVE FOR VOTES AGAINST OR ABSTENTIONS, ESPECIALLY ON RECOMMENDATIONS FIVE, SIX, AND SEVEN. IN SO DOING, USDEL SHOULD PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZE SERIOUSNESS OF EXCLUDING ANY UN MEMBER FROM A WORLD-WIDE UN CONFERENCE AND DANGER TO CAREFULLY-PREPARED HABITAT CONFERENCE BY WASTING ITS TIME AND ENERGY ON INAPPROPRIATE, IRRELEVANT AND DEEPLY DIVISIVE POLITICAL QUESTION.

3. USDEL SHOULD ALSO MAKE EVERY EFFORT HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS VOTED ON INDIVIDUALLY. REFTEL INDICATES THAT FIRST YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS DO NOT SINGLE OUT ISRAEL BY NAME. IF THIS IN FACT THE CASE, USDEL IN LOBBYING EFFORT MAY OFFER US ABSTENTION ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS IN RETURN FOR ABSTENTIONS OR VOTES AGAINST BY OTHERS ON RECOMMENDATIONS FIVE, SIX AND SEVEN. US SHOULD UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES VOTE AGAINST RPT AGAINST RECOMMENDATIONS FIVE, SIX AND SEVEN AND AGAINST ALL RECOMMENDATIONS IF VOTED ON AS A PACKAGE.

4. USDEL SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON JUNE 18.

5. THIS MEETING HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT NATIONS WITH WIDELY RANGING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS, AND WITH EXTREMELY VARIED POLITICAL COMMITMENTS ARE AGREED ON THE HIGH IMPORTANCE TO THEM OF FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOR ALL THEIR PEOPLES, AND CAN WORK TOGETHER IN THE SEARCH FOR EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS. THIS UNANIMITY OF PERCEPTION AND ACTION IS NOW MENACED WITH IMPASSE OR DESTRUCTION BECAUSE OF THE ILL-CONSIDERED AND UNNECESSARY INTRODUCTION OF A DEEPLY DIVISIVE POLITICAL ISSUE. THE DIVISIVENESS AND DESTRUCTIVENESS OF THIS ACT HAS ALREADY HAD ITS EFFECT IN REQUIRING THE UNITED STATES, IN FULFILLING ITS POLITICAL PRINCIPLES AND COMMITMENTS, TO CALL FOR A VOTE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS RAISED UNDER AGENDA ITEM (). WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE BODIES COMPRISING THIS MEETING HAS A LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF TAKING ITS DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS. THE UNITED STATES RESPECTS THIS TRADITION AND THE REASONS

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FOR IT AND HAS HERE ACTED IN CONTRAVENTION OF IT RELUCTANTLY AND UNDER THE COMPULSION OF RESPECT FOR PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE NO LESS FUNDAMENTAL FOR US.

FOREMOST AMONG THESE ISSUES OF PRINCIPLE, AND OF MOST CONCERN FOR US, IS THE RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM THE HABITAT CONFERENCE. WE ARE COMMITTED

IRREVOCABLY TO THE POSITION OF PRINCIPLE THAT NO MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM A CONFERENCE WHICH IS OTHERWISE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. MOREOVER, NEITHER THIS MEETING, NOR THE HABITAT CONFERENCE ITSELF, IS AN APPROPRIATE FORUM IN WHICH TO DECIDE SUCH A FUNDAMENTAL CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION. TO ATTEMPT TO INDUCE SUCH A DECISION IS AN ACT OF CONTEMPT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND FOR ALL OF US WHO COMPRIZE

IT. SHOULD ANY SUCH RECOMMENDATION BE SERIOUSLY ENTERTAINED BY THE CONFERENCE, WE AND OTHER LIKE-MINDED NATIONS WOULD FIND OURSELVES INEVITABLY IN THE POSITION OF REEXAMINING OUR RELATIONSHIPS TO THE CONFERENCE.

I WOULD BE LESS THAN FRANK, MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I DID NOT MAKE CLEAR THAT THE INTRODUCTION HERE OF HOTLY CONTESTED POLITICAL QUESTIONS RAISED IN THESE RECOMMENDATIONS COULD NOT HELP BUT DETRACT SERIOUSLY FROM THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBJECT WHICH WE HAVE CONVENED TO DISCUSS, AND THE COOPERATION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WE HAVE ACHIEVED. THIS VALUABLE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF COMMON PROBLEMS AND A COMMON PATH OF ACTION FOR ALL PEOPLES IS AN INDISPENSABLE PREREQUISITE FOR ANY IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT. KISSINGER

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